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1 Aims

1. The aim of this policy is to ensure that all Jigsaw Group customers (or their authorised representatives) have clear guidance on how to make a complaint specifically relating to money or debt advice matters.

2 Scope

- 2. This Policy applies to all members of Jigsaw Group.
- 3. The Complaints Money/Debt Advice Policy is a supplementary policy to the Group's general Complaints Policy providing information on our approach when dealing with complaints relating specifically to money/debt advice.
- 4. For the avoidance of doubt the Operations Director of Finance will determine which complaint procedure should apply and who should respond to the complainant.

3 Policy Statement

- 5. This Policy is a requirement as part of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR).
- This policy only applies to complaints regarding money advice such as debt counselling, and budgeting advice provided by the Group. Complaints about rents, service charges, payment of invoices, compensation and arrears of rent will be handled under our general complaints policy.

4 Complaints Process

- 7. On receipt of your complaint we will contact you as soon as possible to gather sufficient information to help us determine whether your complaint should be handled under this policy or our general complaints policy.
- 8. If it is under the general complaints policy your complaint will be passed to the Chief Executive's Department who will acknowledge and handle the complaint.
- 9. If your complaint is considered to relate to 'Money Advice' (money/debt counselling, budgetary advice) then we will follow the Money Advice Complaints Policy.
- 10. The Chief Executive's Department will log the complaint and send a written acknowledgement within five working days advising you of the name of the person handling your complaint; the complaint reference number and when it is anticipated you will receive a full response to your complaint. In addition, a copy of the Group's Money Advice Complaints Policy and Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) leaflet will be enclosed/attached with the acknowledgment.
- 11. We aim to respond to complaints relating to money/debt advice within one month from the date of your acknowledgement. If we are unable to resolve your complaint

- or you are unhappy with our response, you may refer your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).
- 12. Information about the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) can be found online at http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/publications/consumer-leaflet.htm.
- 13. Contact details for the Financial Ombudsman Service are:
- 14. The Financial Ombudsman Service
- 15. Exchange Tower
- 16. London
- 17. E14 9SR
- 18. Phone: 0800 023 4567 or 0300 123 9123
- 19. Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

5 Monitoring and Delivery

20. The Chief Executive's Department will monitor the delivery of this policy and it will be reviewed annually. We may review this policy sooner if appropriate, for example, if there are changes to legislation or business requirements.

6 Legislation and Regulation

- 21. Data Protection Act 2018
- 22. Equality Act 2010
- 23. Localism Act 2011
- 24. The Regulator of Social Housing
- 25. General Data Protection Regulation
- 26. Financial Ombudsman Service

7 Related Policies and Procedures

27. Complaints Policy

8 Glossary

28. N/A

9 Document Control

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